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1. THE EMBASSY HAD DELAYED RESPONDING TO REFTEL IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO EVALUATE THE CHANGING SIERRA LEONE POLITICAL SCENE. NOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED TO TRANSFORM SIERRA LEONE INTO A ONE-PARTY STATE, POLITICAL ANIMOSITIES, HOPEFULLY, WILL DIMINISH. EMBOFFS HAVE DISCUSSED QUESTION OF POLITICAL ASYLUM (IN GENERAL TERMS -- NO NAMES) FOR FORMER POLITICAL LEADERS AND THEIR RELATIVES WITH CERTAIN PROMINENT SIERRA LEONEANS. ONE OF THESE, A HIGHLY PLACED ACADEMIC, REFERRING TO A COLLEAGUE WHO HAD TAKEN REFUGE IN THE U.S. SOME YEARS AGO AND WHO RETURNED FOR A VISIT RECENTLY, INDICATED THAT HE FELT IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THERE WOULD BE PROBLEMS FOR SUCH PEOPLE ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE RELATIVES. THE EMBASSY SHARES THIS VIEW. WE BELIEVE, WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE CATEGORIC GUARANTEES, THAT IT IS IMPROBABLE SUCH PERSONS WOULD BE TROUBLED. FOR THAT REASON, WE RECOMMEND THAT POLITICAL ASYLUM NOT RPT. NOT BE GRANTED.
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